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NANOCHANNEL STRUCTURE  
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AND THIN FILM THEREOF

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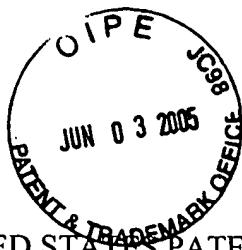
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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 2, 2005, submitted herewith is a copy of the references cited in the International Search Report together with English translations where appropriate.

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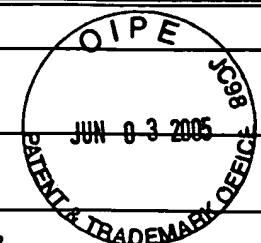
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